

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: Barbara A. Casey
Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.
David G. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Danielle Sena, Recorder
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney
David T. Bibb III, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked to keep in prayer, the family of Randy Garcia, a local contractor who recently passed away and also to pray for the family of Alvin Jiron, as his daughter had recently been in a tragic accident.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised that they were unable to contact all the parties on Business Items 2 and 3, therefore her recommendation was to table those two items until a later date.

Councilor Romero advised he had one question pertaining to the notices on the Public Hearings and advised that Zoning Ordinance 450-114 stated "Council to vote Public Hearings on Commission's recommendations". He added that in that

Ordinance it stated that it should be published 15 days prior to said hearings and knew they were holding a hearing and the 72 hour notice had been given and based off of that, were they going to have to redo the 15 days?

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that she would turn that over to City Attorney Garduno Montoya.

City Attorney Garduno Montoya advised that that was correct and that there was a notice that must be published. She advised that they planned to notify the local paper and to have it in the paper at least 15 days in advance.

Interim City Manager Gallegos clarified to Mayor, they would be tabling items #2 and #3.

Councilor Casey stated that parliamentarily, you should be adopting the agenda before you table any of the items on it.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and then table the items when they got to them.

Brief discussion took place regarding the process of how the items would be tabled.

City Attorney Garduno Montoya stated that she believed that if they had a motion to approve the agenda and then a motion to table items #2 and #3 would be needed.

Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked if they table at this point in time or would they wait until they got to the actual business item.

City Attorney Garduno Montoya advised that she suggested to table at this time due to there being people in the audience who would like to be advised whether those items were on the agenda.

Councilor Howell advised that a lot of the audience came a long way to speak to Council.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that they were not removing them from Public Input.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to table items #2 and #3. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked that Business Items#2 and #3 be read into the record.

Recorder Danielle Sena read Business Items #2 and #3 into the record as follows:

2. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to adopt Ordinance #19-02, amendment to the Official Zoning Map for rezone of a property located at 2513 Hot Springs Blvd., Las Vegas, New Mexico.

3. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to adopt Ordinance #19-03, amendment to the Official Zoning Map for a 21.277 acre +/- parcel located north of Ridge Runner Road between 7th Street and 8th Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes for March 20, 2019. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that she would give a report regarding the Municipal League presentation they had last week pertaining to Municipal League updates and advised that Interim City Manager Gallegos would give that report for her.

Interim City Manager Gallegos reported that Legislative issues were discussed at the New Mexico Municipal League which included:

- Statewide Minimum Wage Increase*
- Legislative appropriation submitted - City of Las Vegas received 2.2 million*
- Waiting on road project funding & Emergency funding (Waterlines)*
- Congratulations from NMFA (City of Las Vegas 2018 Audit)*

Mayor Gurulé-Giron advised that she felt that the City of Las Vegas 2018 Audit should have received more coverage from the Las Vegas Optic as the City was a part of 3 Municipalities, out of 35 that received an unmodified opinion, with no findings which had never happened. She commended Interim Finance Director Vega for incredible work and fortitude, Interim City Manager Gallegos and all Directors for all their hard work on the audit and hoped that the Optic would cover that.

Interim City Manager Gallegos reported there was some discussion regarding opting in on the election process for the November election, giving Municipalities the opportunity to opt in. She stated that they were informed that there may be some legal issues that come up from it and they highly recommended that they wait to see what would transpire, that there was legislation that still needed to be written so that the City could either opt in or opt out of the November election. Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that Mayor and Councilors would either serve a shorter period or a longer period and she asked City Attorney Garduno Montoya if that was correct and asked her if she remembered anything else on that legislation. She advised they had not opted in on the November election at this point and would still hold our regular election.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that one of the concerns they had on the opt in was that when every elected official was elected to the office, they have a four year term that was consistent with the City Charter law and if they were to opt in/opt out, that would have extended or shortened, either way. She stated that that would essentially put the City in a litigious or liable situation with regards to the contracts of every elected official and felt that was best at that point in time. Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that a concern in opting in was that the Secretary of State would have to review and amend about 280 pages of the election code and asked if that was correct, and stated that she did recall that statement.

Mayor advised that they had been working and moving forward on a proclamation with the family of Cipriano Aguilar “Gallo Copeton” in dedicating a plaque for Mr. Aguilar at the Plaza Park for serving the community with the Fiestas and many other community events.

MAYOR’S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Interim Clerk for doing a great job, and recognized her for the outstanding job she had been doing and was very impressed with her work.

Deputy Clerk Danielle Sena read a recognition on behalf of Tonita Gurulé-Girón, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, along with members of the Governing Body recognizing April 18, 2019 as National Lineman Appreciation Day and appreciating the PNM linemen for their hard work, their dedication and for representing Las Vegas and the State of New Mexico.

Deputy Clerk Danielle Sena read a recognition on behalf of Tonita Gurulé-Girón, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, along with members of the Governing Body recognizing the Robertson Lady Cardinal Basketball Team for their dedication to the sport of basketball and for representing Las Vegas and the State of New Mexico, bringing home the Class 3A Championship. Team members were as follows:

Kaitlyn Arguello, Jasmine Barela, Alianza Darley, Stella Garcia, Shayla Hillis, Jasmine Jaramillo, Jazmyne Jenkins, Jayden Jenkins, Cailyn Marrujo, Tessa Ortiz, Leann Salazar, Trinity Sena, Gabby Trujillo and Pasepa Tuineau.

PUBLIC INPUT

Marshall Poole gave a detailed monthly progress report for the month of March 2019.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Mr. Poole for the outstanding job he was doing at the shelter and personally thanked him and the AWC for returning her dog, who had been gone for over a year. She thanked him for showing compassion to the entire community.

Andy Trujillo spoke briefly regarding being against the zone change on the 7th & 8th Streets.

Brief discussion took place regarding why the item would not be on the agenda and zoning matters.

Cordia Sammeth spoke in support of the zone change regarding the 2513 Hot Springs Blvd., and spoke regarding being against the zone change regarding 7th & 8th Street.

Kathleen Dudley spoke in regards to supporting the rezone on 2513 Hot Springs Blvd.

Joe Cooney spoke as a resident in regards of opposing the zone change of the 7th & 8th Street property.

Andrew Urioste spoke regarding the request for a dirt track to ride four wheelers and dirt bikes in the proposed zone change on the 7th & 8th Street area.

James Alarid spoke as a resident against the proposed zone change on 7th & 8th Streets.

Steve Montano spoke in detail regarding the services offered by his business (All Terrain), relating to the proposed RFP for Las Vegas Police Dept. fleet repair.

J. Emilio Aragon spoke in regards to his support of the work from Diane Lyndsey and Cordia Sammeth at the Tierra Encantada Farmers Market.

Kathy Maes and Jesus Ortiz spoke in regards to her support of the Tierra Encantada Farmers Market and working with Diane Lyndsey and Cordia Sammeth.

Billy Rogers spoke in regards to his opposition of the zone change R-1 to C-3 commercial zone on 7th & 8th Street.

José Maestas spoke in regards to his support of the process to keep the beneficial Tierra Encantada Farmers Market going.

Rose Salazar spoke in regards to her support of the Tierra Encantada Farmers Market and asked for the support of the Governing Body.

Marcos Herrera spoke regarding the support of creating a dirt track for recreational services to the community.

Pat E. Romero spoke in regards to not receiving notice pertaining to the R-1 to C-3 zone change at the 7th & 8th Street location and questioned the procedure.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that the procedure had already been addressed and that was why it had been postponed or tabled until further notice.

Clara Lucero spoke regarding her support of keeping the Tierra Encantada Farmers Market at the same location.

Corinna Laszlo-Henry spoke in regards to the support of the decision for tabling Business Items 2 and 3, due to the need of contacting all persons involved. She had questions regarding scheduling tabled items, asked under the Governing Body Rules of Procedure, Resolution 02-17 Section 3.4, would the Governing Body allow to move the video of tonight's Public Input into evidence if and when those two items came back. She spoke of the need of enforcing City ordinance rules regarding zoning and site development plans and read Section: *New Construction, New Uses* of Ordinance 450-13.

Ben Romero spoke in regards to water issues on the property on Grand Avenue where he resides.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that Interim City Manager would follow up and directed the issue to the Utilities Director regarding the water issue.

Lalo Sanchez spoke regarding high vendor fees for spaces during the 4th of July Fiestas and the Rough Rider Motorcycle Rally and also spoke about parking for motorcycle enthusiasts.

PRESENTATIONS

None at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos reported that the City would be closed on Friday afternoon, April 19th on Good Friday. She advised that they began planning for this year's ICIP plan, would attend training in May and asked the Governing Body to prepare any ideas for the plan and that it was due in September.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry reported that Bradner Dam was complete although the State Engineer's Office was requiring removal of vegetation and that they were coordinating with them regarding modification to the required piezometer testing. She advised that the Bradner Dam dedication was also in the works.

Police Chief David T. Bibb III reported that he had recently attended a FEMA training through NM Tech in Socorro in "*Preparation & Responding to a Suicide Bombing Incident*". He also discussed issues pertaining to terrorists focusing on high visibility events and encouraged Department Heads and staff to be force multipliers in recognizing terrorists and what it entailed.

Councilor Casey advised that she would like to attend the next FEMA training, as she had attended before and felt it was very informative and beneficial to have information in case of an emergency at any events.

Interim Community Development Director Virginia Marrujo gave a Lodger's Tax update and advised the board met on April 2nd, and gave this year's recommendation approving the following:

Events: Salute to Troops, Fireman's Ball, Las Vegas Film Festival, Fiber Thread (Fiber Crawl) and Peoples Fair. *Advertising:* New partnership with the Albuquerque Journal (visitors guide). *Infrastructure:* Bob Mishler- the purchase of Gordon's

clock for restoration. She reported they would be bringing the FY20 Grant through NM True to Council for approval of an increase of matching funds and advised of a Special Lodger's Tax meeting in May to address upcoming events.

Councilor Casey asked if Lodger's Tax Board had made a decision of how much money would be going to fund the events and would they come to Council to approve.

Interim Community Development Director Marrujo advised that Council had approved the budget at the beginning of the fiscal year which was in the amount of \$60,000.00 that Lodgers Tax Board had requested, which would go towards non- profits and marketing and this would be worked into that. She advised that she would provide the report which was a breakdown on what was approved and the amounts and that it was part of the budget that would be presented to Council under Lodger's Tax.

Councilor Romero advised that he had a concern regarding the meeting minutes not being available to review and suggested to keep in mind that per State Statute, meeting minutes should be available to the public, 10 days after the meeting. He asked if they advertised the meeting that was held on April 2nd and suggested date stamping minutes as to when they had been posted online.

Ms. Marrujo advised that regular meetings were held every three months through the Open Meetings Act Resolution and only advertised Special meetings, she stated she would relay the information to the I.T. department, regarding stamp dating online minutes.

Interim Community Development Director Marrujo gave a detailed report regarding a film training for vendors and businesses with NM State Representative Don Grace and advised that they would be attending on April 24, 2019.

Councilor Howell asked questions regarding Lodger's Tax and how they voted regarding the events, was there a vote from each one and was there an online vote?

Ms. Marrujo explained that some situations come up where members are not available at the time of the meeting in order to vote on certain items therefore they are able to vote electronically, with a quorum.

Discussion took place regarding the procedure of voting on-line, whether it be adopted into by-laws or was included in State Statute.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that she provided Council a memorandum pertaining to electronic communication/electronic participation. She advised that a copy of that memorandum would be provided to Councilor Romero and City Attorney Garduno Montoya.

Councilor Howell asked for the names of the Lodger's Tax Board members.

Ms. Marrujo advised that the Lodger's Tax Board members were: Emilio Aragon, Krutik Bhatka, Lisa Saiz, Allan Allfeldt and Abraham Garcia.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón made a statement to Councilor Casey for the record, "I believe that you were an elected official at the time during the reorganization when you were presented the memorandum, so you should have it, but Esther needs to have it."

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that she would locate it and forward it over.

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega reported on the status of the budget, advising there was a slight delay due to waiting on the Governor's signature for certain bills which included the minimum wage, which was signed and another was an increase in PERA that would only affect the employer. Ms. Vega added that they were notified by NM Self Insurer's Fund that health premiums would increase by 5%, meaning the City would cover 75% at 3.75% and the employee would cover 25% at 1.25%. She advised that she was currently meeting with departments regarding any changes requested and that some grants ended on June 30th and could not be budgeted without any award letters in place.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Ms. Vega for her due diligence to the City, for always having answers to her questions. She commended her for her foresight regarding the budget and the experience she brought, which made everyone's job easier.

FINANCE REPORT

Interim Finance Director Vega presented the Finance Report for the month ending March 31, 2019 (75% of year lapsed-9 of 12 mos.), reporting that the General

Fund revenues were at 78% and expenditures came in at 62%. Ms. Vega advised the Enterprise Funds revenue was at 75% , the expenditures were at 66% and reported the Recreation Center revenue was at 65% and expenditures came in at 56%.

Lengthy discussion and questions took place regarding General Fund property tax revenues and Gross Receipts Tax increases.

CONSENT AGENDA

Recorder Danielle Sena read the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of Resolution 19-18.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item #1 as read into the record. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Resolution 19-18 was presented as follows:

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 19-18**

WHEREAS, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2018-19, and

WHEREAS, said budget adjustments were developed on the basis of increases in revenues, expenditures and transfers (in) out through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors, please see attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making budget adjustments in the 2018-19 fiscal year budget; to include a net increase of \$116,965.00 in revenues and expenditures for various expenditures in the Senior Citizens Center to be funded with a grant from the Non-Metro AAA Agency;

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this governing body that the budget adjustment request be approved and meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2018-19;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico hereby approves the budget adjustment request herein above described and respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

RESOLVED: In session this 17th day of April, 2019

Tonita Gurule-Giron. Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval to award RFP #2019-6 to DAG Enterprises for gasoline fleet repair services for the City of Las Vegas Police Department.

Chief of Police David T. Bibb advised that RFP #2019-6 was to provide gasoline fleet repair services for the City of Las Vegas Police Department. One Offerer submitted a proposal, which was D.A.G. Enterprises, Las Vegas, New Mexico. The Offerer met all requirements. This request is to award RFP #2019-6 to D.A.G Enterprises.

Police Chief Bibb III advised that the LVPD Financial Specialist had prepared a list of questions that the Governing Body had and read them into the record as follows:

1. How DAG Enterprises estimated labor rates for various service procedures?

Answer: Software utilized for labor rates consists of Ident A-Flix and Mitchell ProDemand, these databases provide labor guides as well as information regarding labor time. This information can be found under facility description in the supplemental questionnaire within the completed RFP.

2. What types of routine and preventive maintenance was performed on police units?

Answer: We perform preventative maintenance based on a schedule brought to us by the Police Department, this schedule is located within schedule A of the RFP and maintenance schedule is based on 5,000 mile intervals and only carrying out preventive maintenance work from the schedule when more than just an oil change is required.

3. What type of warranties were offered on the work?

Answer: Any work performed on the police department will have warranty on all materials and work for 120 days or 4,000 miles, whichever occurs first, this information can also be found in exhibit A. and scope of service section of the RFP.

4. A concern arose in the accessibility of the RFP to other shops within the City of Las Vegas.

Answer: The RFP was first published on December 19, 2018 on the City of Las Vegas website as well as Las Vegas Optic, a problem occurred with the structure of the RFP after the allotted time frame to respond and led for the RFP to be published a second time, along with an addendum on January 14, 2019, which was also published on the City's website and the Las Vegas Optic.

Police Chief Bibb III advised he was provided with a reference letter on D.A.G. Enterprises submitted from Luna Community College and their Trades Automotive faculty and read the letter into the record as follows:

"To whom it may concern, I currently serve as the full time faculty for the Automotive Technology Program at Luna Community College, the program was in the process of securing NATEF accreditation and we were seeking qualified individuals interested in serving on the evaluation team, D.A.G. was more than willing to volunteer his time to be on that team. One of the reasons that I asked D.A.G. is because he is one of the few shops in Las Vegas that is A.S.C., Automotive Service Excellence Certified. I reached out to a majority of the shops in the Las Vegas area and would say that 85% of the shops are not A.S.C. certified or have certified individuals as employees. Being an Educator, I stress to my students the importance of being an A.S.C. Certified Technician or if they get their education in a different field, it is stressed the importance of taking their vehicles to A.S.C.

certified shops or technicians for repairs. D.A.G. being one of the few shops in the Las Vegas area, I would not hesitate to take my vehicle to him or recommending D.A.G. for repairs to other people who ask for a suggested shop. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call, signed: Eugene Sandoval, Automotive Instructor, Luna Community College."

Councilor Howell referred to the statement made by Mr. Montano regarding his concern of not receiving the information like he used to in previous years through the Police Department and asked if that was still ongoing and that Mr. Montano stated that Marla at the Police Department would alert shops, that there was an RFP out there.

Police Chief Bibb III stated that what has been the practice, since he took the seat, was that it was advertised, then they wait the allotted amount of time and whoever puts in their bid was looked at and that in this case, there was only one that was placed.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Interim Finance Director Tana Vega if that practice was consistent with our process.

Interim Finance Director Vega replied "Yes".

Howell stated that we needed to find a better way to alert our community members about these RFPs due to them apparently not getting it or aware of it.

Councilor Casey stated that at last week's meeting, one of her concerns was that the agreement was inconsistent, regarding the Scope of Work (#1 and #3) and that it was her understanding that the language in the agreement would be changed, so there would be no conflict of what the scope of work actually was. She advised that a lot of the work already being done by D.A.G. was regular maintenance and had many questions on what they would be doing. She stated that after looking at her packet information, the itemized invoices sent in by D.A.G. did have some regular maintenance that had been done. Councilor Casey asked would there be other vendors providing other services and that she would like the agreement to be clear on exactly what D.A.G. would be doing.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked "Councilor Casey, you raised a concern that based on your information, that there were itemized invoices from D.A.G., where did you review those itemized invoices?"

Councilor Casey stated that they were included in their packets.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated if that was the case, she thought there was a concern and was not certain who wanted to answer Councilor Casey. She stated that the issue of language change, once it had been advertised and ready to award, she believed it could not be changed unless putting it back out and rebid, which would be consistent with the actual process. She advised there were a couple of issues raised by Councilor Casey which were general information and charges of that versus specialized charges for specialized equipment. Mayor Gurulé-Girón added that she might vote on this, so she did not want to provide testimony with contract review, so she was going to ask who was going to answer those questions and asked that they be very specific.

Interim City Manager Gallegos stated that they had two or three changes to the contract to exclude the routine maintenance that had been requested by Councilor Casey last week. She advised that the other item was that the addendums would come back to Mayor and Council for approval and the last was a spelling error and would refer the scope of the contract to the City Attorney to write it up the way the RFP was written and issued and have her verify it along with Chief Bibb and herself.

Councilor Casey stated that the contractual terms that they had on their computer and in our packets received did not show those changes, she read pg. 2 Term: *"the term of this agreement shall be for a period of one year renewable year to year with a maximum of four years with the annual approval of the City Manager, so it is still there."*

Interim City Manager Gallegos stated that the amendment on #9 on page 3, which she thought they referred to said *"this contract will not be altered changed or amended except by approval of mayor and council and signed by the parties of this contract."*

Councilor Casey advised that that was for alteration, changing or amendment, and did not say anything about the actual renewal of the contract and that was her concern. She clarified to Interim City Manager Gallegos that it pertained to not just the amendment but also the renewal.

Councilor Romero stated that the biggest concern was the actual RFP, and stated that contract cannot be amended if the RFP has the language.

Lengthy discussion and questions took place regarding some language in the RFP referring to preventative maintenance.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that the reason they go with proposals was so that the final terms can be negotiated with the vendor due to some issues and changes that may occur on an annual basis which come back to Mayor and Council for approval, as requested by Councilor Casey. She added that the bid process prevents from negotiating with the vendor.

Councilor Romero stated that he had a concern of the RFP stating that the City would use OEM parts (for regular use vehicles) and thought those parts were too expensive.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding differences in the RFP and RFB processes, and the language of the RFP.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. stated that D.A.G. was familiar with doing business with the City and thought that the costs D.A.G. was charging were reasonable.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve to award RFP #2019-6 to D.A.G Enterprises for gasoline fleet repair services for the City of Las Vegas Police Department.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for a second motion, she advised there was no second and asked if there was another motion or does the motion die.

Councilor Romero made a motion to disapprove to award RFP #2019-6 to D.A.G. Enterprises for gasoline fleet repair services for the City of Las Vegas Police Department and to redo the RFP for the Police Department's gasoline fleet repair. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	No
David G. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

-Tabled

2. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to adopt Ordinance #19-02, amendment to the Official Zoning Map for rezone of a property located at 2513 Hot Springs Blvd., Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Maria Pera advised that the City of Las Vegas, the owner of Lot 4 ,5, 6, 7 & 8, Block 2, Miguel Romero Y Baca Addition and known as 2513 Hot Springs Blvd., Las Vegas, New Mexico appeared before the Las Vegas Planning & Zoning Commission on March 25, 2019. The City of Las Vegas is requesting that said property be zoned from the present R-2 (Multi-Family Residential Zone) to a C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial Zone) with the intention of accommodating a Farmer's Market in the parking lot of above property for the Old Town residents.

-Tabled

3. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to adopt Ordinance #19-03, amendment to the Official Zoning Map for a 21.277 acre +/- parcel located north of Ridge Runner Road between 7th Street and 8th Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Perea advised that the Community 1st Bank-Las Vegas, the owner of a 21.277 acre+/- parcel located north of Ridge Runner Road between 7th Street and 8th Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico, is requesting that the property be rezoned from the present R-1 (Single Family Residential Zone)/ R-R (Restricted Residential Zone) to a C-3 (General Commercial Zone) with the intention of selling the property for commercial development.

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Romero asked Interim City Manager Gallegos for the status of the issue pertaining to the plan on how to deal with the skunk issues, discussed and brought up by Council last fall.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that the City was not allowed to handle any skunks, as well as the Wildlife service and advised that there were two vendors in town that would work with the City in addressing the issues. She informed Councilor Romero that the County would be funding the skunk removal.

Councilor Romero spoke of several issues that had come up with the lack of skunk removal. He stated that regarding director's reports noted pest and insects at the Museum.

Interim City Manager Gallegos agreed and informed they would be contacting the contractor that provided services at the Housing Department to address that issue.

Councilor Romero brought issues from constituents being overcharged on their water bills and contacted school districts to compare water bills and asked for a Special meeting to discuss water billing issues and detailed explanations and procedures and asked for signatures on the request for the Special meeting.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that before moving forward regarding a Special meeting, she felt that they should hear from Utilities Director Gilvarry and stated that commercial rates differed from residential rates and that the rate structure study was being conducted and would meet and bring to Council for discussion.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that the consultant was looking at all rates, that the billing process was done electronically and would be verified if needed. Ms. Gilvarry stated that the automation was more accurate and recommended that anyone with water leaks or increases go to Utilities and they would research and address these issues.

Councilor Romero stated that he did not mention the structures, that it would be for discussion regarding water billing issues and detailed explanation of procedures.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that all of that would fall into the actual rate structure, what has already been approved by Council and strongly advised that we hold off on that until we get something from the individuals who have been hired to conduct the rate structure.

Councilor Romero stated that it was his responsibility as a Council member, to request a Special meeting and added that he felt this may be a City wide issue.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding several issues and reasons for water bill increases and billing procedures.

Councilor Romero stated that he understood the explanations and comments from Utilities Director Gilvarry regarding water billing issues although he wanted a discussion and explanation in detail of the whole billing process.

Interim City Manager Gallegos stated that every customer had different issues and suggested that in order to give a more detailed explanation, Ms. Gilvarry had a standard operating procedure that she could share although that was up to the Governing Body.

Councilor Romero brought up pothole issues and understood being short staffed and suggested a detailed crew to specifically work on potholes and asked if the street problem area in front of Plaza Drugs would be repaired soon.

Streets Director Chris Rodarte advised that they were able to obtain hot mix from Santa Fe on Monday, that pothole patching was taking place on the West side and that they had provided a list to Council of potholes that had been completed. He stated that yes they would address the area of Plaza Drugs.

Councilor Casey stated that she had an ongoing concern regarding Code Enforcement and the property on the corner of Railroad and National, it had been a problem for years and had been cleaned by the City before although was back to its original state and tires were being burned in that area, which was very toxic.

Interim City Manager Gallegos stated it had been cleaned up before and thought the City may have to abate it one more time.

Councilor Casey advised that she had received about 5 calls regarding properties that had not been addressed that she had brought up since last May and asked for status reports regarding the abatement process on these properties in order to have updates to report to those concerned.

Interim City Manager Gallegos asked Councilor Casey to inform her of the properties and she would work on them.

Councilor Casey advised she attended a talk by an Asylum & Immigration Attorney recently and asked if the City had some sort of plan to deal with refugees and people seeking asylum and to help them the best we can. She mentioned that according to HUD guidelines people who had asylum status were eligible to live in public housing as well as temporary housing for mixed families (children who were

born in the U.S. and mother undocumented) and that other issues regarding sanctuary needed to be addressed.

Councilor Casey requested that Council receive a monthly breakdown of the Lodger's Tax Budget.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised they would provide the reports to Council and that the report for March would be placed in their mailboxes.

Councilor Casey stated that Executive Director Northeast Economic Development Organization, Thomas Garcia would be leaving his post and looked on their website and found that Mayor Gurulé-Girón was a member of the Board of Directors. She stated that she also read the bylaws which stated that the person that was appointed to the Board of Directors should be appointed by the Council, and was not disputing that she shouldn't be there although she thought Council should have had the opportunity to appoint and that no one should self-appoint.

Councilor Casey advised that she had a complaint from a constituent regarding an IPRA request they had submitted. She requested to go into Executive Session when the time came because it would specifically address a City employee.

Councilor Howell advised of a damaged sidewalk in the area of 7th Street (*brief discussion took place regarding the specific area needing repair*). He added that regarding skunk control issues, suggested putting out an RFP to businesses for that in order to move forward due to no one wanting to take on this ongoing problem.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that she would contact the County to see how they were handling the skunk issues.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. brought up issues regarding the lighting on Mills and 8th and North Gonzales had a street light out and mentioned to Chief Bibb regarding heavy traffic flow near Rodriguez Park after games.

Interim Public Works Director Danny Gurule advised that they addressed the short on the line on 8th and Mills although would send a crew out to look into the other areas.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked the status of the Valencia water tank flow adjustment.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that they were looking at system pressures to see if what was causing the Valencia tank overflow.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that with regards to her defense, Councilor Casey raised a question regarding the Mayor appointment to the NED Board of Directors, she advised that Councilor Howell had brought it to her attention wanting to be appointed to the committee. She advised she contacted the President who said it was the Mayor who appointed, consistent with the Charter and took that appointment herself because she was the Mayor and nowhere did they provide her any guidelines about the actual process. Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that she honestly had no knowledge, advised that the previous mayor had the knowledge and was tied into all the appointments statewide and added that Councilor Howell had the knowledge as well. She stated that she was Chief Executive Officer of the City of Las Vegas and believed she was well versed in the processes of ICIP and many others.

Councilor Casey stated that she believed that the Director of the Chamber of Commerce used to hold that position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Romero made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Councilor Romero made a motion to reconvene into regular session and advised that only discussion took place, that no action was taken and no decisions were made. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

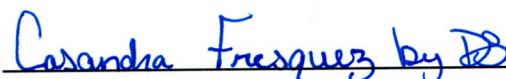
David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



 Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



 Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk